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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION

1. ON JULY 9, PERUVIAN MINISTER OF EMBASSY ALFREDO RAMOS AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JOSE TORRES-MUGA CALLED ON DEPARTMENT (ARA/EP) TO REQUEST A USG REPLY TO PERUVIAN EMBASSY NOTES OF NOVEMBER 2 AND 20,1972 AND FEBRUARY 4, 1973 REQUESTING THE EXTRADITION OF EDUARDO ELEJALDE VARGAS AND FERNANDO ESPINOSA DOMINGUEZ, FORMERLY OFFICIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY. THEY INFORMED COUNTRY DIRECTOR AND DESK OFFICER THAT IN MID-JUNE THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD REQUESTED THE EMBASSY TO GET A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE NOTES, BUT AS CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDERWAY, THEY CHOSE NOT TO PRESS THE MATTER AT THAT TIME. (ACTUALLY, ON JUNE 17 AND 18 THE PERUVIAN EMBASSY OFFICERS DID QUERY PERU DESK OFFICER ON STATUS OF U.S. ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE NOTES. THEY WERE TOLD THAT NO ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THE REQUESTS AND THAT IN U.S. VIEW GREENE SETTLEMENT HAD TERMINATED GOP CLAIMS AGAINST IPC.)

2. MINISTER RAMOS SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD INSPIRED
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RESURRECTION OF THIS OLD MATTER AT THIS TIME, WHETHER

SOMEONE WAS CLEANING OUT OLD FILES OR WHETHER THE REQUEST

HAD COME FROM QUOTE HIGHER UP. UNQUOTE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY DETERMINE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES, IF POSSIBLE, WHAT INSPIRED REQUEST FOR REPLY TO NEARLY THREE YEAR OLD EXTRADITION REQUEST AT THIS TIME. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS REGARDING HOW WE SHOULD RESPOND TO REQUEST. (AS EMBASSY IS WELL AWARE, THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD OF USG ACCEDING TO GOP'S EXTRADITION REQUEST.) INGERSOLL

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